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**UTILITY
PATENT APPLICATION
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Attorney Docket No.

First Inventor

DAVID S. VANDER KOOI

Title

AN AXLE SUSPENSION SYSTEM

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.
3. ☒ Specification [Total Pages 11]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the invention
 - Cross Reference to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 6]
5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 2]
- a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)
Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
- b. ☐ DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s)
named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).
6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)
- a. ☐ Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
- i. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
- ii. ☐ paper
- c. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee) ☐ Power of Attorney
11. ☐ English Translation Document (if applicable)
12. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
13. ☐ Preliminary Amendment
14. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (Should be specifically itemized)
15. ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) (if foreign priority is claimed)
16. ☒ Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.
17. ☐ Other:

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP) of prior application No. _____ / _____

Prior application information:

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Group Art Unit: _____

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FEE TRANSMITTAL
for FY 2002

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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) **370.00****Complete if Known**

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| First Named Inventor | DAVID S. VANDER KOOI |
| Examiner Name | |
| Group Art Unit | |
| Attorney Docket No. | |

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| Large Entity Fee Code (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code (\$) | Fee Description | Fee Paid |
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| 101 740 | 201 370 | Utility filing fee | 370 |
| 106 330 | 206 165 | Design filing fee | |
| 107 510 | 207 255 | Plant filing fee | |
| 108 740 | 208 370 | Reissue filing fee | |
| 114 160 | 214 80 | Provisional filing fee | |

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) **370.00****2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE**

| Total Claims | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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| 2 | -3** = 0 | 0 | 0 |
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| 103 18 | 203 9 | Claims in excess of 20 |
| 102 84 | 202 42 | Independent claims in excess of 3 |
| 104 280 | 204 140 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid |
| 109 84 | 209 42 | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent |
| 110 18 | 210 9 | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)**3. ADDITIONAL FEES**

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| 105 130 | 205 65 | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath | |
| 127 50 | 227 25 | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 139 130 | 139 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 147 2,520 | 147 2,520 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination | |
| 112 920* | 112 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 113 1,840* | 113 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 115 110 | 215 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 400 | 216 200 | Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 920 | 217 460 | Extension for reply within third month | |
| 118 1,440 | 218 720 | Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 1,960 | 228 980 | Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 119 320 | 219 160 | Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 320 | 220 160 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 280 | 221 140 | Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 1,510 | 138 1,510 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 110 | 240 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 1,280 | 241 640 | Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 1,280 | 242 640 | Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 143 460 | 243 230 | Design issue fee | |
| 144 620 | 244 310 | Plant issue fee | |
| 122 130 | 122 130 | Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 50 | 123 50 | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 126 180 | 126 180 | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 581 40 | 581 40 | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 146 740 | 246 370 | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 149 740 | 249 370 | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
| 179 740 | 279 370 | Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 169 900 | 169 900 | Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

Other fee (specify) _____

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**REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION
UNDER
35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)**


First Named Inventor **DAVID S. VANDER KOOI**

Title **AN AXLE SUSPENSION SYSTEM**

Atty Docket Number **L-01-02**

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

2/21/2002
Date


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